

SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD PROGRAM 2012

Guidelines for Nomination

For over 150 years, the Michigan State Fair has paid tribute to the accomplishments of Michigan residents in the industrial, agricultural, and educational fields. To continue this tradition, the Commission on Services to the Aging and the Office of Services to the Aging will honor the tremendous contributions by Michigan's older adults on Older Michiganians Day at the State Capitol on June 20, 2012. The Senior Citizen of the Year Award highlights the contributions to civic and social life made by persons aged 60 and older. The award is presented in two categories: Leadership and Service.

1. Please complete the information for the nominee, the nominating organization, and the appropriate questions for the category of leadership or service, and attach to the nomination form. Responses to all questions are needed in order to score nominations.
2. Selections will be made primarily on the leadership or service rendered in the past year. Emphasis should be placed on a nominee's activities after age 60. Nominees must be 60 years of age or older on or before the May 7th deadline.
3. **Nominations must be submitted by an organization.** Members of the Michigan Legislature are not considered organizations; however, they can submit letters of support for a nominee. A presiding officer of the organization must sign the nomination form. *Individuals who serve on the Commission on Services to the Aging, the State Advisory Council on Aging, and employees of the Office of Services to the Aging are ineligible for nomination.*
4. Only the nomination form provided, or a photocopy, will be accepted.
5. Nomination forms **must be postmarked by Monday, May 7, 2012.**
6. Nominees can be employed at the time the nomination form is received; however, the nominee will be judged on service or leadership in unpaid positions.
7. Winners will be invited to attend the award ceremony at the State Capitol on June 20, 2012. Attendance is not required to receive an award.
8. All information pertaining to the nominees and the names of winners will be kept confidential until released by the Office of Services to the Aging. **Please note:** Clippings or other related materials submitted with nomination forms will not be returned.
9. Submit signed nomination form and completed materials to:

Michigan Office of Services to the Aging
Senior Citizen of the Year Award Program
P. O. Box 30676
Lansing, MI 48909-8176